

Remarks

Claims 1-31 and 36-39 are pending in this Application. Claims 32-35 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-31 and 36-38 are allowed. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for stating that Claims 1-31 and 36-38 have patentable subject matter not found in the cited references of record.

With this reply, Applicants respectfully request cancellation of Claim 39 without prejudice.

In the Office Action mailed July 6, 2006, the Examiner objected to several claims for minor informalities. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informalities and respectfully request entry of amended Claims 4, 14, 15 and 37 to correct the minor informalities in accordance with the recommendations provided by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action. No new matter is included with such amendments.

Conclusion

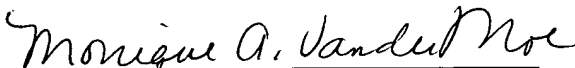
Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, and pursuant to the filing of this Amendment and a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants earnestly seek allowance of Claims 1-31 and 36-39, as provided in the Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

No fees are believed due with this response. If this is incorrect, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees, other than the issue fee, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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